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Supreme Court Holds That Their Method of Selling Fish Constitutes Auction.

In an opinion handed down yesterday, the supreme court upholds the constitutionality of the auction law, Section 1343 of the Revised Statutes, requiring the payment of an auction license fee of \$600 for the district of Honolula and \$15 for each other taxation district; holds that the manner of disposing of fish by the Japanese fishermen constitutes an auction-and thereby deals the fishing industry a blow that must severely injure it.

The opinion, however, was not unanimous, Justice Wilder dissenting. Justice Wilder is almost always the member of the supreme court who dissents when a dissenting opinion is rendered.

The matter came before the supreme court on the appeal of the Hawaiian Fisheries, Ltd., a Japanese corporation, from a conviction before the district an auction without first obtaining a license. The defendants claimed that licenses are required only for sales at public auction, and contended that their manner of disposing of their catch does not constitute an auction. The case was submitted on an agreed statement of facts, the gist of which was that the eatch, as soon as it comes in by boats, is loaded into wagons and carried to the fishmarket, where it is offered in basket lots, each basket containing from seventy to one hundred pounds, and sold to the retail dealers at the fishmarket who bid highest for it.

The supreme court holds that the fact that the fish is sold on competitive bids constitutes the sale a public auction, and the court also holds that the law is constitutional and valid. The judgment appealed from is affirmed. So it a fisherman has a basket of fish to sell and does not sell to the first bidder, he is conducting an auction and must pay a license fee of \$600. Which s very fine for the poor fisherman.

Justice Wilder does not see it that way, however. He does not go into the matter of the constitutionality of the law, but only holds that the sale of fish as practised by the Japanese fishermen does not constitute an auction and therefore they are not liable for the payment of the \$600 license fee. But there are two to one against him, and the opinion of the majority rules-unless the Supreme Court of the United States holds differently.

Circuit Judge Sustained. The supreme court also handed down

an opinion in the matter of John D. Paris vs. Jeremiah Kuhaupio, Antone Perry and Manuel Fernandez, sustainng the circuit judge.

This was on action to quiet title to a piece of land in Kona, Hawaii. The eircuit court, jury waived, found for the plaintiff. The defendants appealed, but the supreme court holds that there was evidence to sustain the findings of fact and refuses to set aside the judg-

Young Ah Yat is in trouble with the United States authorities, and it is lia-ble to cost him some time, money and trouble to get out. He was arrested resterday on a warrant sworn to by Collector of Internal Revenue Drake charging him with having violated the internal revenue- regulations through some irregularities in his handling and sale of eigars. He had a hearing before Commissioner George A. Davis yesterday afternoon and was released on \$400 bond.

Court Notes.

Taki Ova, a Japanese woman, has filed suit in the circuit court for divorce from her husband, Kichizo Oya, on the grounds of desertion and failure

Sait has been brought in the circuit court by Tax Assessor Charles F. Wilder against J. A. Gilman for \$1976. 72, alleged to be due on pack taxes. The assessor also wants 10 per cent sensity, together with interest and ad-

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Robinson's court. His oath of office was filed vesterday.

In the case of Elizabeth K. Booth vs. J. H. Schnack et al., a motion has been filed in the supreme court by the defendants and appellees to dismiss the plaintiffs bill of exceptions on the ground that the same was not presented to the judge or allowed or signed by him within the time in extension allowed by the judge

In the matter of G. K. Killuly vs. Leonard G. Kellogg, the plaintiff has filed a motion to be allowed to amend his bill of complaint.

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